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In Re Application Of: JAY S. WALKER et al.

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Title:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING REGULAR ENTRANCE INTO A BONUS GAME

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Applicants respectfully request that the filing receipt for the above-identified patent application be corrected to reflect the following:

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and is a CIP of 10/420,981 04/22/2003
and is a CIP of 10/787,356 02/26/2004
and claims benefit of 60/451,607 03/03/2003**

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In support of this request, applicants have enclosed copies of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal which was filed on March 2, 2004 and Combined Oath and Declaration, which clearly indicate the Domestic Priority data as claimed by Applicant. Please issue a corrected Filing Receipt in due course.

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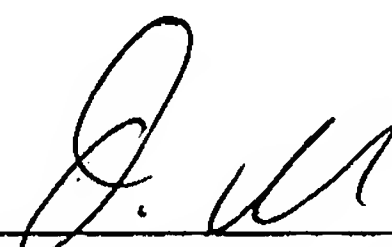
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Respectfully submitted,

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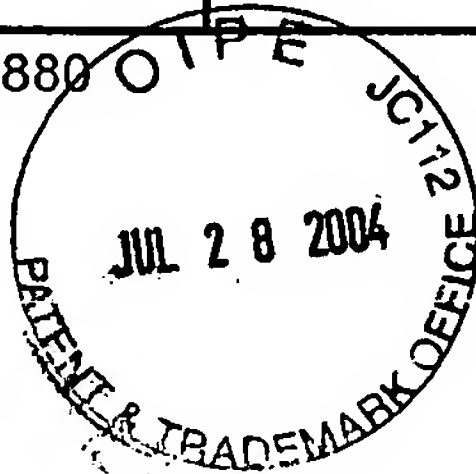


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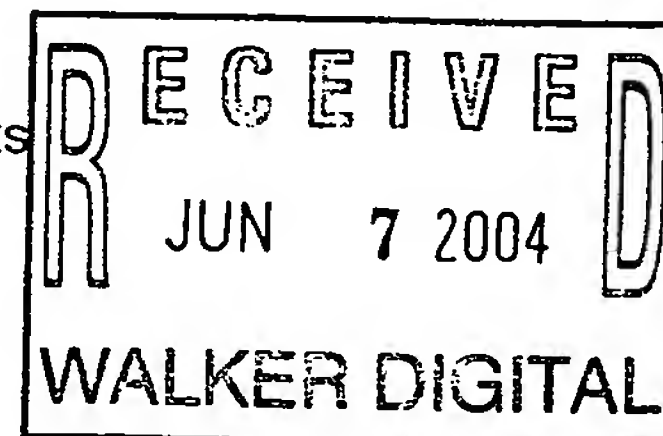
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Title

Method and apparatus for providing regular entrance into a bonus game

Preliminary Class

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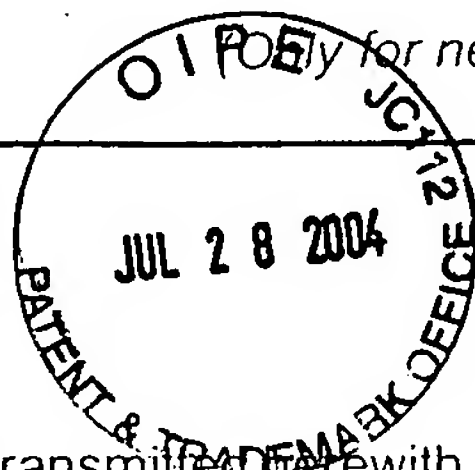
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING REGULAR ENTRANCE INTO A BONUS GAME

and invented by:

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 - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
 - f. ☐ Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - h. ☒ Detailed Description
 - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. ☒ Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
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6. ☐ CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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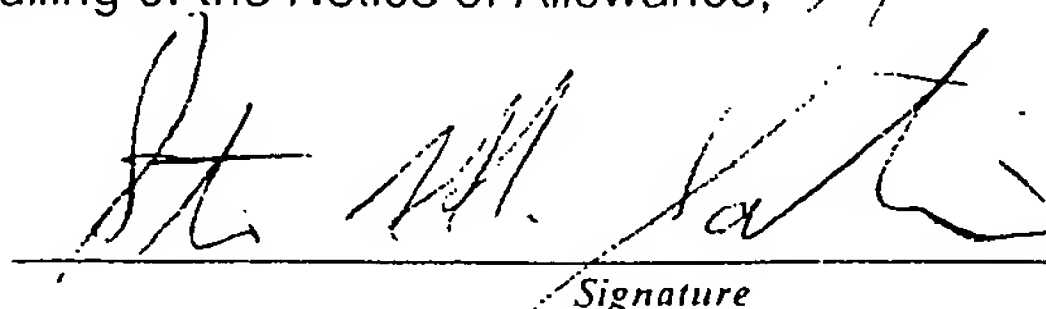
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